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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number	09/890,351
Filing Date	July 30, 2001
Examiner Name	Qian J. LI
First Named Inventor	Makoto ASAHIMA et al.
Group Art Unit	1632
Attorney Docket Number	31671.173644

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 19, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed --
 - iii. Other Petition for three month extension of time (one month extensior
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested und a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee
 - b. Other
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 - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the
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 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
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- Transmittal Letter for U.S. National Stage Entry
- Provisional Application Cover Sheet
- Provisional Application (_ pages of spec)
- XX Color Photographs (Figs. 3 & 5)
- Inventor Declaration/Power of Attorney
- National Stage Application
- International Application published
- Response to Notice to File Missing Parts
- International Preliminary Examination Report/English Language
- International Search Report - English Language
- Division Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)
(in duplicate with a copy of the specification, claims, drawings & Inventor Declaration)
- Priority Document - Cert. Copy of _____
Appln.# _____, Dated: _____
- Assignment w/cover sheet
- XX References (48) (19)
- Response To Restriction Requirement
- Preliminary Amendment
- XX Reply to a Final Office Action
- Response to Notice to File Missing Parts
- Request for Extension of Time
- Notice of Appeal
- Appeal Brief (in triplicate)
- Reply Brief (in triplicate)
- Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- XX Petition For Acceptance of Color Photographs
- Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)
- Issue Fee Transmittal
- Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
- Added Inventor's Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)
- Certificate of Correction (in duplicate) USPTO/SB/44
- Request for Corrected Filing Receipt
- Change of Correspondence Address
- Company to Company Assignment
- Substitute Specification
- Request for Withdrawal of Demand
- Status Inquiry

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U.S. PTO FEES ENCLOSED:

- Filing Fee
- Surcharge Fee
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- Independent Claim Fee
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- IDS Fee
- \$110.00 Extension Fee
- Notice of Appeal Fee
- Brief on Appeal Fee
- Request for Continued Examination Fee
- \$130.00 Petition For Acceptance of Color Photographs
- Issue Fee Transmittal
- Certificate of Correction Fee
- TM Statement of Use
- PCT Demand/Chapter II
- §§ 8 and 15 Affidavit
- TM Renewal Application Fee
- Notice of Opposition Fee

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 0)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid

Large Entity

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid " Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1204 84	2204 42	" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9		
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 0)	

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing request for ex parte reexam	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)			

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SUBTOTAL (3)

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